

REMARKS

Responsive to the objections to the drawings, the drawings and specification have been amended to properly describe and illustrate the objected to drawing features.

Responsive to the claim objections, Claim 2 has been amended to delete the reference character B.

Responsive to the claim objections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, the claims have been amended to avoid the objected to language. In this connection, the reference to Claim 5, line 5, is presumed to be Claim 1, line 5. The indication of the allowability of the subject matter of Claims 2-16, 20, and 23 is noted. By this amendment, Claim 2 has been rewritten in independent form with changes to avoid the objections as to claim form. Also, new Claims 26 and 27 respectively correspond to original Claims 20 and 23, amended to avoid the formal objections. Thus, these Claims 2-16, 26, and 27 should now be in clear condition for allowance.

The rejection of Claims 1, 17, and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Moore et al. '745, is hereby traversed and reconsideration is respectfully requested. By this amendment, Claim 1 has been cancelled and each of Claims 17 and 21 have been amended to more clearly distinguish the present invention over Moore et al. '745 by respectively reciting the hollow girder of the windshield frame part, that the panel structure and the hollow girder are

formed of high-strength non-metallic material, and the connection to one another at flanges provided on the hollow girder. It is respectfully submitted that this combination of features is neither disclosed nor suggested in the Moore et al. '645 Patent and therefore this rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 based upon Moore et al. '645 should be reconsidered and withdrawn.

The rejection of Claims 18, 19, and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moore et al. '645 in view of Browne '163 is hereby traversed and reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested. These Claims 18, and 19 depend from the amended Claim 17 discussed above as clearly patentably distinguishing over Moore et al. '645. Likewise, Claim 22 depends from Claim 21 discussed above as patentably distinguishing over Moore et al. '645.

Further, even if one considered the Browne et al. '163 as suggesting the use of carbon-fiber, a modification to include carbon-fiber in the materials of Moore et al. '645 still does not meet the terms of Claims 17 and 21 from which these claims depend and therefore, the claims as amended should be considered as clearly patentably distinguishing over this combination of references.

It is further noted that the newly added dependent Claims 24 and 25 depend from allowable claims and should likewise be allowed.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration and favorable action on the claims is in order and respectfully requested.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket No.: 028987.52310US).

Respectfully submitted,

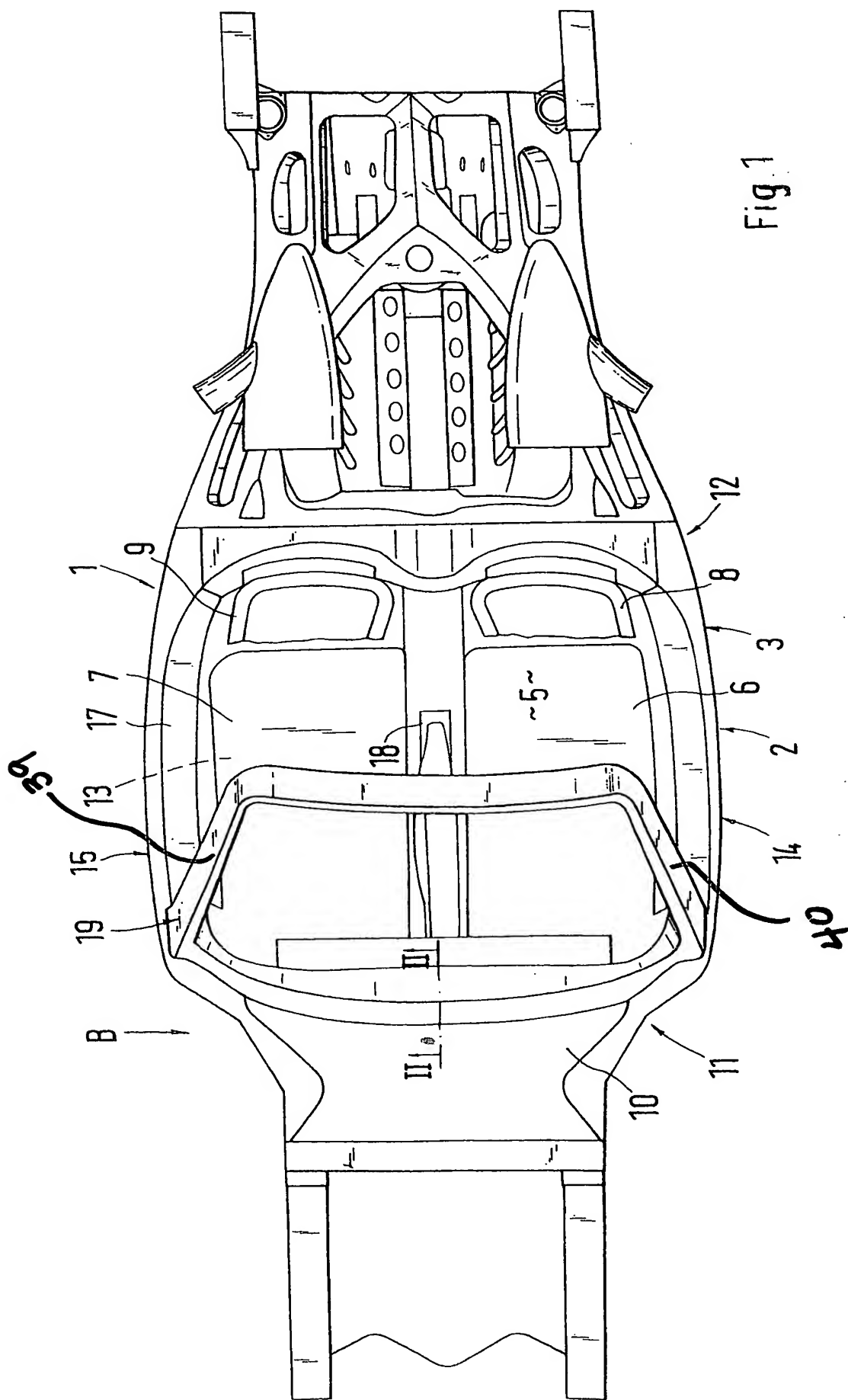


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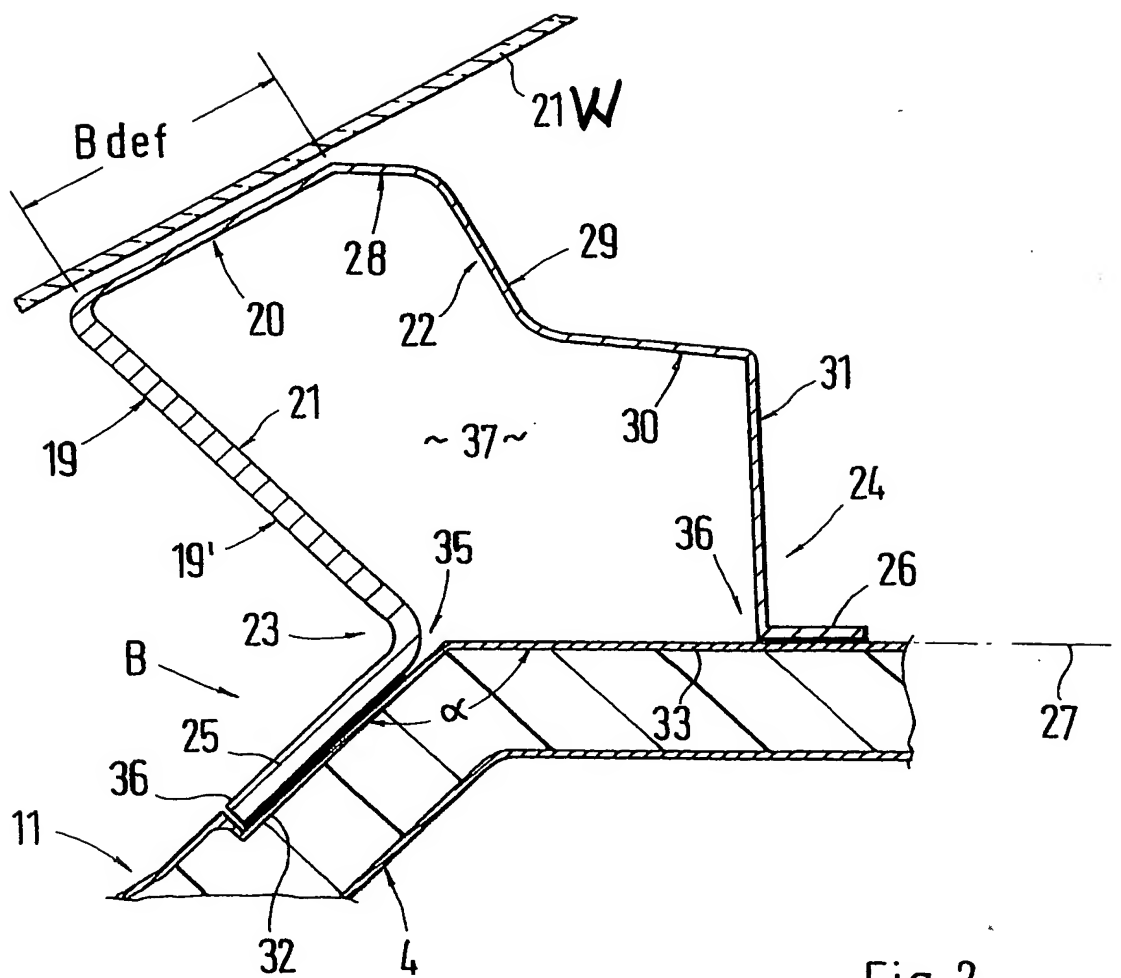


Fig. 2

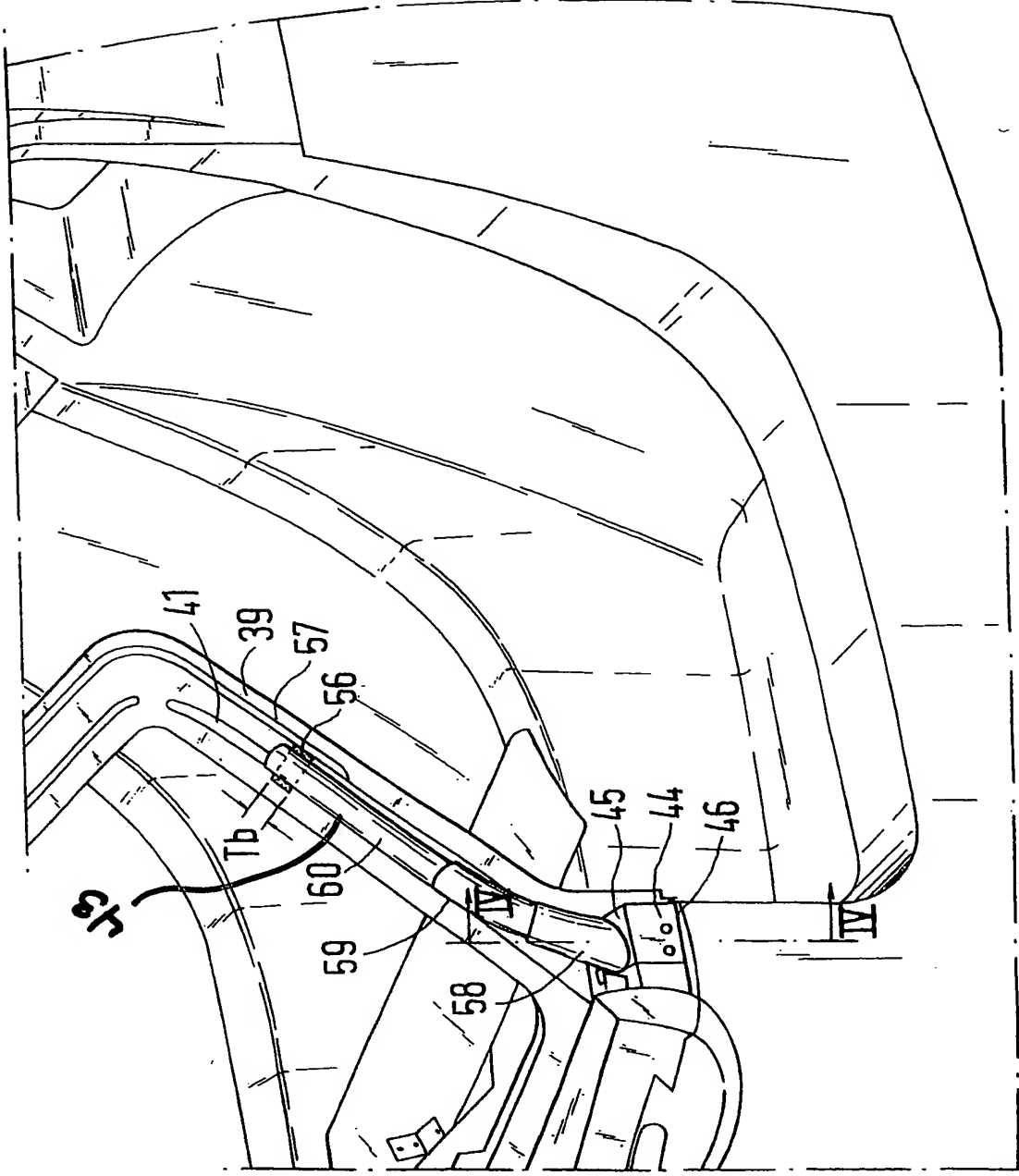


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